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PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. The committee amendments to LB215 are designed to do a couple of things. One is to insure that the procedure for the development of the proposal for the state office building is done according to existing state law and also one of the problems that we have is to assure that there is some kind of guarantee that the administration would be taken care of and that the committee amendments would be designed so that this would be the responsibility of the administrative services and they would have the authority to determine as to who goes into the state office facility and who does not go into the facility. We are trying to get established over all authority over this building if it is purchased by the state so I move the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Will you please turn in your book to page 215 where section four says "any major modification project to lands and buildings leased or purchased under this act shall be exempt from the provisions of 81-1108 41 revised statutes 1974". This is exactly what we do not want. We want every purchase, every building, new building built to come under the previous statutes so that we will have protection for those persons who live in the state of Nebraska that are making the wisest decision. If you will turn in your statutes to this section, I believe that you will find that they are trying to remove the requirement that this building will come under what was 602 of last year, is this correct Senator Anderson?

SENATOR ANDERSON: My recollection of this is that in order to go ahead with the purchase, if the legislature should decide to purchase this particular building, that there are certain provision of LB1048 of last year, I believe, that generally the procedure there is that the agency would go ahead and develop the program statement and develop the proposal for a specific bill and then bring it back. Here we have a different situation where the proposal for the building has been developed out of a specific legislative bill. So in order to go ahead with the purchase of a building we do have this specific exemption from the versions of LB1048.

SENATOR MARSH: I will strongly oppose the adoption of the amendments to 215 if we say a state building should come under the requirement of LB1048 which was passed last year and the last days of our legislative session. There are safeguards built into 1048 and the safeguards built into 602 which we of all people, the legislative body, should go by the rules and regulations for the state of Nebraska. If the purchase of this property is the best buy for the state of Nebraska, we want to be able to prove that, not say that we will duck around the corner, we'll do the other thing so that we can come under one set of rules and regulations